

World Bank and IMF, is central to its successful transition to a market-based economy. The two Presidents agreed that democracy, economic reform and the observance of human rights play an essential role in ensuring Azerbaijan's continued stability. President Clinton also welcomed President Aliyev's commitment to strengthen market freedom, rule of law and political pluralism in Azerbaijan, including the holding of free and fair elections.

Both Presidents support expanded economic and commercial relations, including greater bilateral trade and investment. The two Presidents noted the importance of rapid development of Caspian energy resources and highlighted the extensive participation of U.S. companies in the development and transport of Azerbaijan's oil and gas resources. This has already contributed to a thriving bilateral commercial relationship. The Presidents welcomed the establishment of an official dialogue on energy policy and commercial issues. They also agreed on the vital importance of the Eurasian transport corridor to the economic future of Azerbaijan and the entire region. The two Presidents welcomed the signing of the U.S.-Azerbaijani Bilateral Investment Treaty and the U.S. Export-Import Bank Project Incentive Agreement. The United States encourages Azerbaijan's integration into the global economy, including early completion of its application for membership in the World Trade Organization on commercial terms generally applied to newly acceding members.

The United States recognizes the challenges facing Azerbaijan in assuring its national security and strongly supports Azerbaijan's active integration into newly emerging European security structures, including NATO's Partnership for Peace and the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council. The Presidents expressed satisfaction with the entry into force on May 15, 1997 of the CFE Flank Document and agreed on the importance of the U.S.-Azerbaijani Joint Statement released in that connection. They also welcomed the adoption of the CFE Basic Elements decision in Vienna July 23, 1997 and agreed that the adaptation of the CFE Treaty should enhance the security of each state party.

The two Presidents also discussed security threats posed by international terrorism, narcotics trafficking, international criminal activity, and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. They agreed to explore the expansion of security cooperation, including through the bilateral security dialogue inaugurated in March 1997.

Both Presidents underlined their support for increased parliamentary, cultural, scientific and educational exchanges, as well as contacts between individual citizens to enhance relations between the United States and Azerbaijan.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

July 26

In the morning, the President traveled to Lake Tahoe, NV. In the afternoon, he participated in water clarity testing aboard a University of California, Davis, research vessel on Lake Tahoe.

In the evening, the President traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

July 28

In the morning, the President traveled to Las Vegas, NV, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter L. Scher for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure as the Special Trade Negotiator for Agriculture in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marshall S. Smith as Deputy Secretary at the Department of Education.

July 29

The White House announced that the President and Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright will send Special Middle East Coordinator Dennis B. Ross to the Middle East on July 30 to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of Israel and Chairman Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority.

July 30

In the afternoon, the President met with Deputy President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa and Vice President Al Gore in the Oval Office.

In the evening, the President traveled to Fort A.P. Hill in Bowling Green, VA. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ela Yazzie-King to serve a second term as a member of the National Council on Disability.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mary Anne Sullivan as General Counsel at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to appoint Aaron D. Miller to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

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The President announced his intention to nominate Paul M. Igasaki to serve a second term as Vice Chair and Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tadd Johnson as Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission at the Department of the Interior.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ernest J. Moniz as Under Secretary at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Charles O. Rossotti to be Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dennis DeConcini, Neil Hartigan, Joe Serna, Jr., and Harriett F. Woods to the Federal Home Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) Board of Directors.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dan Reicher as Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy.

August 1

In the morning, the President met with President Heydar Aliyev of Azerbaijan in the

Oval Office. Later, the two leaders had a working luncheon in the Old Family Dining Room.

The President declared a major disaster in Colorado and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, heavy rain, flash floods, flooding, mudslides, landslides, and severe ground saturation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Cheryl Feldman Halpern as a member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Arthur Hammerschmidt as a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The President announced the nomination of Dennis Dollar to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Credit Union Administration.

The President announced the nomination of Nancy Dorn to serve as a member of the Inter-American Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate Dale Cabaniss to serve as a member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard F. Keevey to serve as the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paula J. Dobriansky as a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jacques Gansler as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert W. Gee as Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate John E. Mansfield as a member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate George Moose as the Representative of the United States to the European Office of the United Nations, with rank of Ambassador.

The White House announced that the President has asked Representative Donald Payne to lead a Presidential delegation, including Representatives John Conyers and Cynthia McKinney, to the Presidential Inauguration in Liberia on August 2.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted July 28

John C. Angell,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs), vice Derrick L. Forrister, resigned.

Marshall S. Smith,
of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Education, vice Madeleine Kunin.

Withdrawn July 28

Niranjan S. Shah,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 1998, vice John H. Miller, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 1997.

Submitted July 30

Susan Graber,
of Oregon, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, vice Edward Leavy, retired.

Peter L. Scher,
of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Trade Negotiator.

Mary Anne Sullivan,
of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, vice Robert Riggs Nordhaus, resigned.

Ela Yazzie-King,
of Arizona, to be a member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 1999 (reappointment).

Submitted July 31

A. Richard Caputo,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, vice Richard P. Conaboy, retired.

G. Patrick Murphy,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois, vice William D. Stiehl, retired.

Carlos R. Moreno,
of California, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, vice Robert M. Takasugi, retired.

Michael P. McCuskey,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, vice Harold A. Baker, retired.

Victoria A. Roberts,
of Michigan, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, vice George LaPlata, retired.

Frederica A. Massiah-Jackson,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice Thomas N. O'Neill, Jr., retired.

Bruce C. Kauffman,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, vice James McGirr Kelly, retired.

John H. Bingler, Jr.,
of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., retired.

James S. Gwin,
of Ohio, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, vice Sam H. Bell, retired.

Jeffrey D. Colman,
of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, vice Brian B. Duff, retired.